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E.O 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJ: GOK MOD BUDGET PROBLEMS

REF: A. KUWAIT 0622 DTG 070726Z FEB 76, B. KUWAIT 0846 DTG
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1. ON 4 MARCH GOK UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE ADVISED US THAT GOK MOD HAS PREPARED TWO BUDGETS (ONE OPERATING EXPENSES, THE OTHER MAJOR EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS) WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE SUPREME DEFENSE COUNCIL (PRIMIN, FORMIN, MINDEF, COGS, ET AL). BUDGETS WILL BE (BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN) PRESENTED TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

2. UNDERSECRETARY REITERATED DISPLEASURE OVER COST INCREASES AND (1) STATED FIRMLY THAT COSTS SHOULD STAY WITHIN ESTIMATES (2) COST INCREASES HAD EMBARRASSED MINDEF GREATLY AND (3) NO REQUEST SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR ACTION UNLESS MADE IN WRITING BY MINISTRY. FURTHER, REQUESTS WHICH MIGHT BE MADE BY ANYONE INCLUDING COGS MG MUBARAK (SPECIFICALLY STATED) FOR LETTERS OF OFFER SHOULD NOT BE ACTED UPON.

3. WHEN QUERIED ON TIMING OF SUBMISSION OF BUDGETS TO ASSEMBLY AND APPROVAL RESPONSE WAS THAT IT WAS A "LONG AND COMPLICATED
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PROCESS" WHICH WOULD TAKE "A COUPLE OF MONTHS".

4. OUTLOOK FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT FMS CASE PRIOR TO
ACTION BY THE ASSEMBLY CONTINUES TO BE POOR.

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